Heat  $SiO_2 + 2H_2O \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad Si(OH)_4 \longrightarrow Si(ONa)_4$ 

Alkali NaOH

(2)  $Si(OH)_4 + OH \implies HSiO_3 + 2H_2O$ 

(3)  $2HSiO_3$   $\rightleftharpoons$   $SiO_2 + 2H_2O$ 

(4)  $HSiO_3 + OH$   $\rightleftharpoons$   $SiO_3 + H_2O$ 

Fig. 1

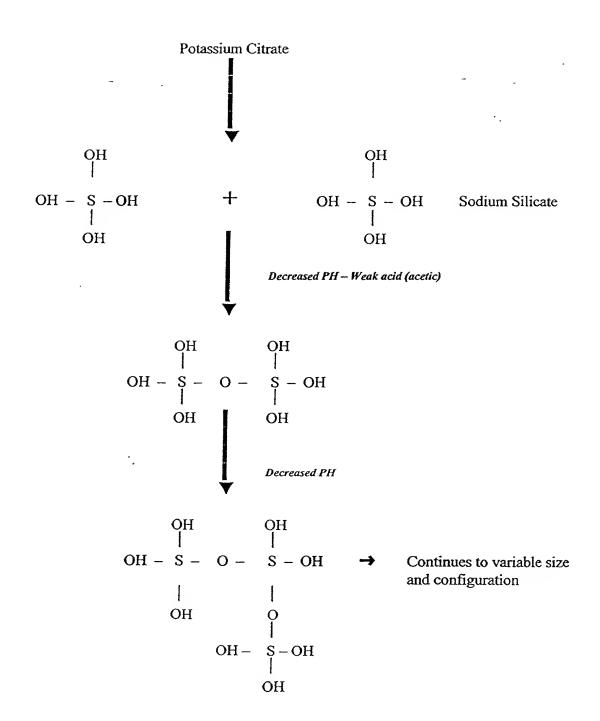


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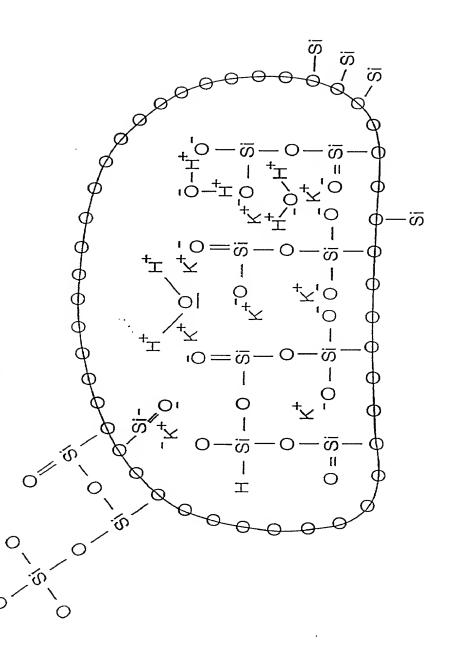


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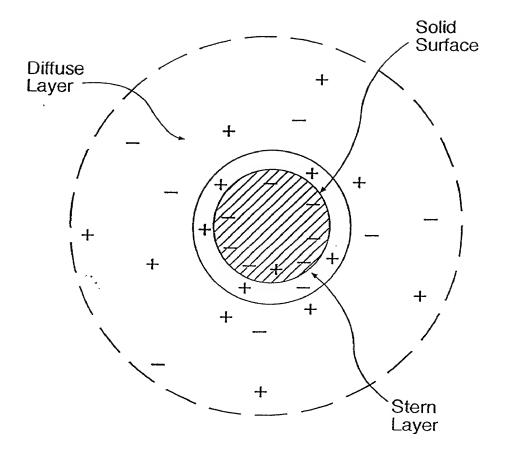


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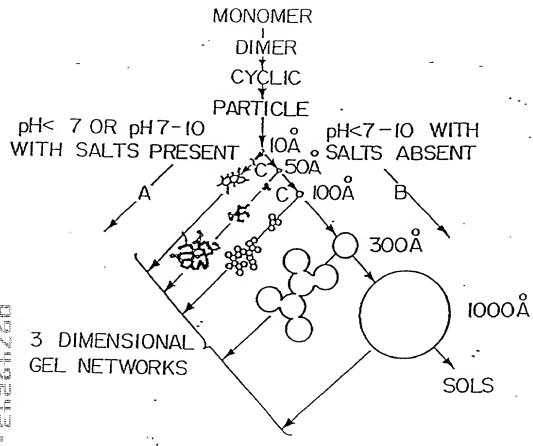


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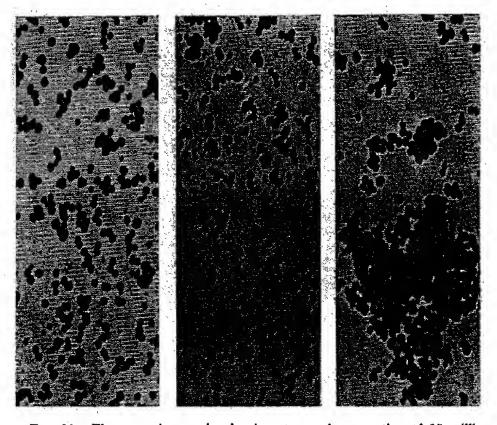
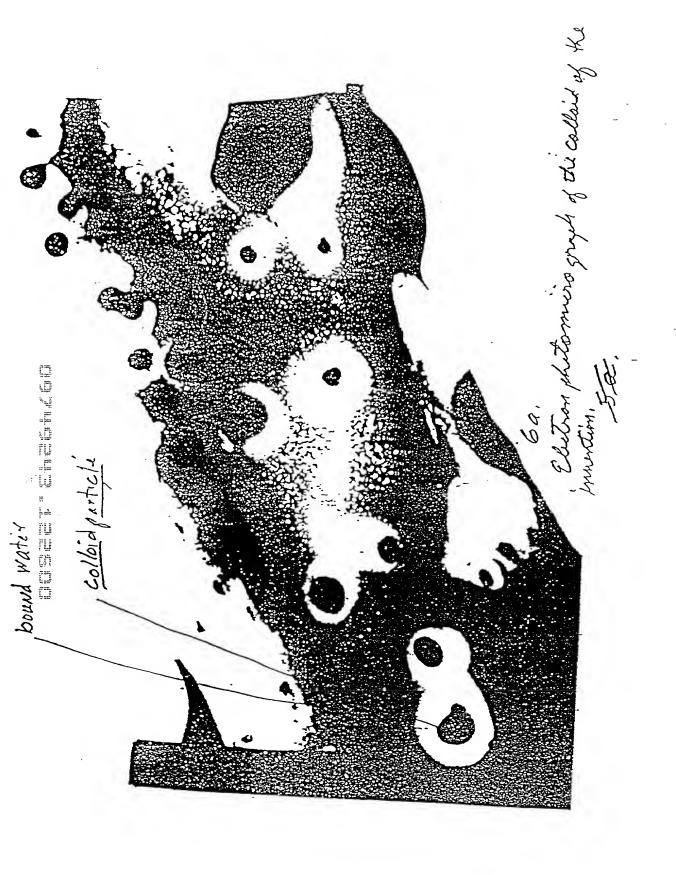
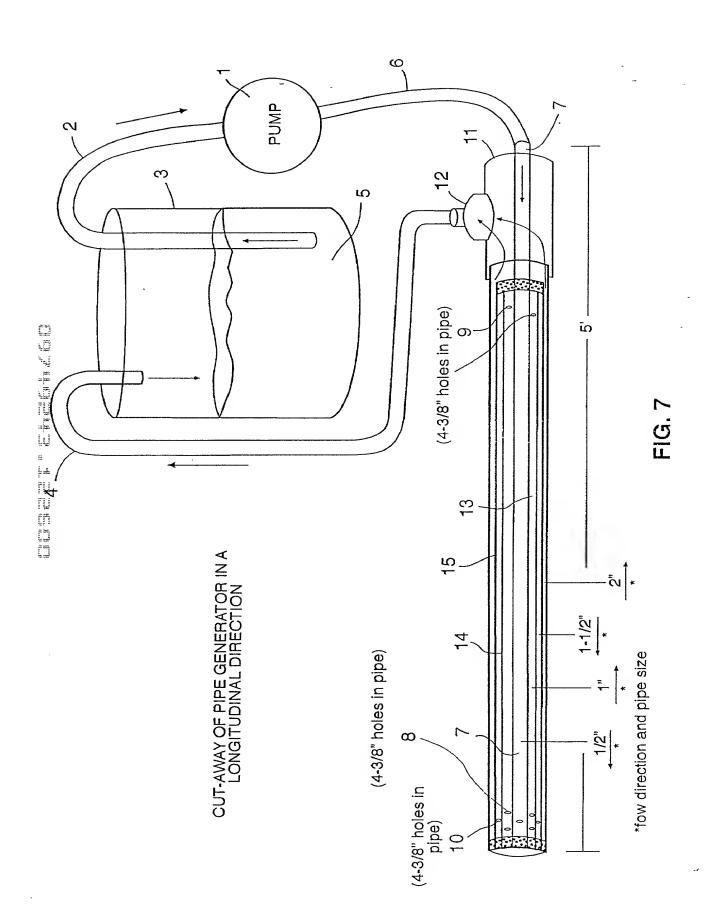
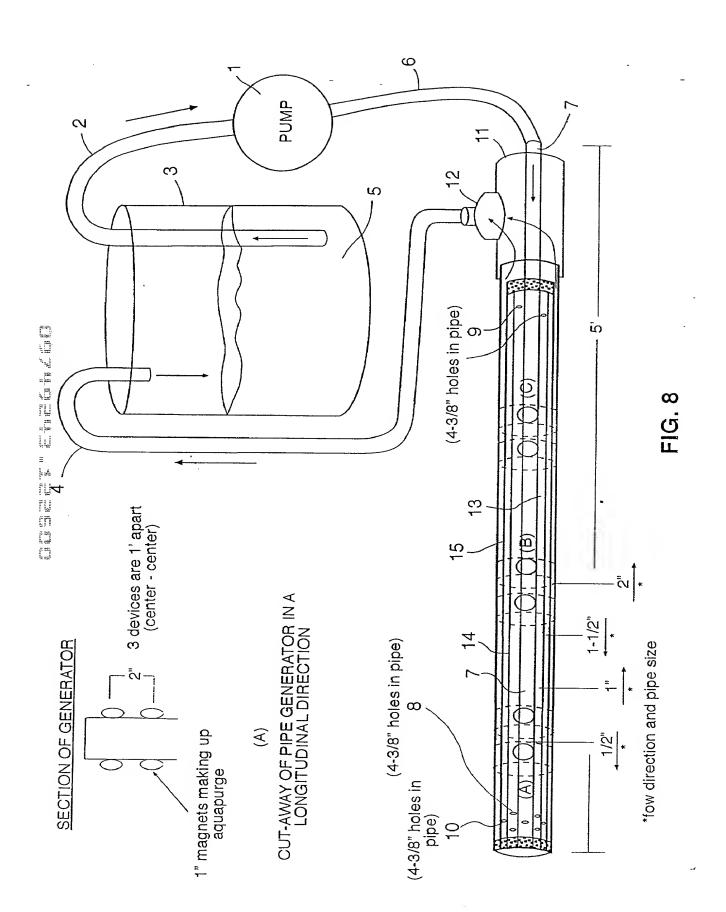


Fig. 26.—Electron micrographs showing stages of aggregation of 35 millimicron silica particles: *left*, colloidal aggregates; *center*, aggregates approaching colloidal size; *right*, supercolloidal aggregates or precipitate.

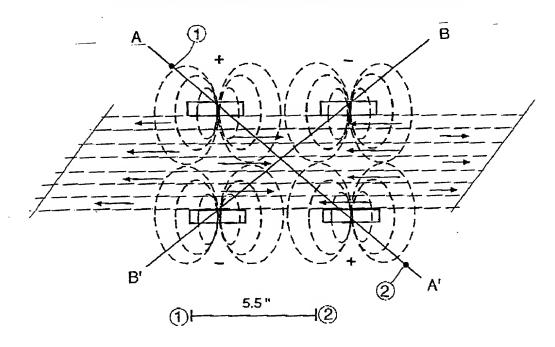
## FIG. 6







Cross sectional view of counter current generator of the invention with lines A-A' and B-B' noted for measurement purposes.



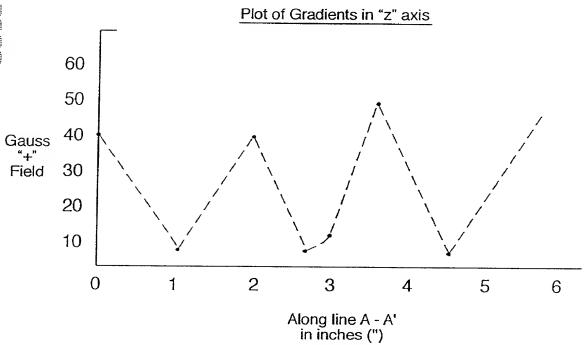


FIG. 9

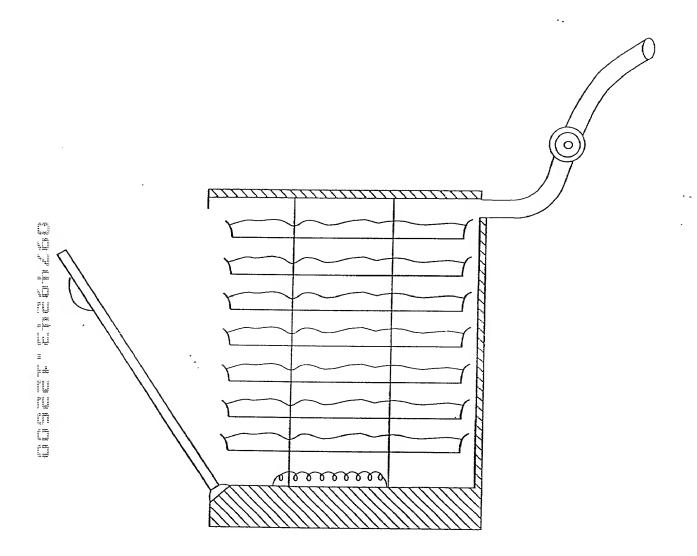


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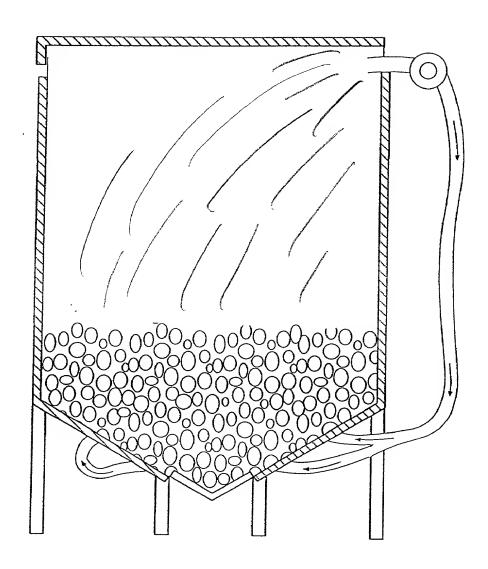


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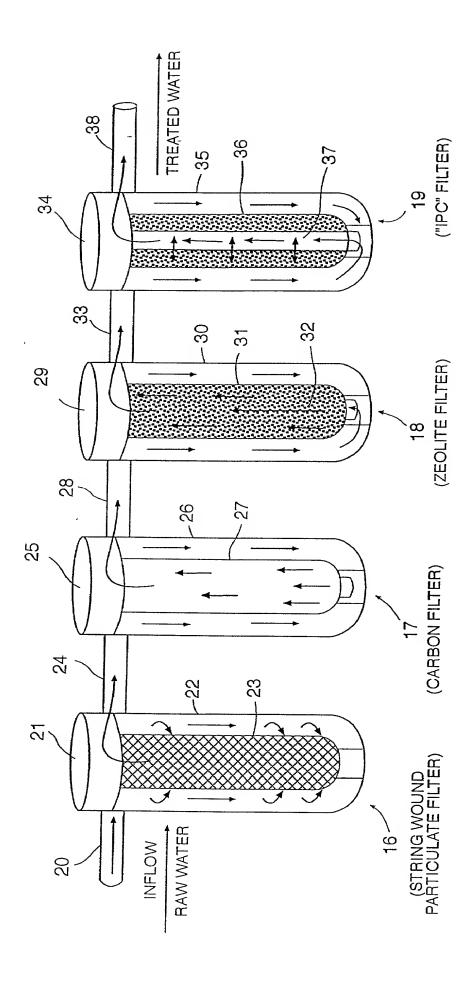


FIG. 12

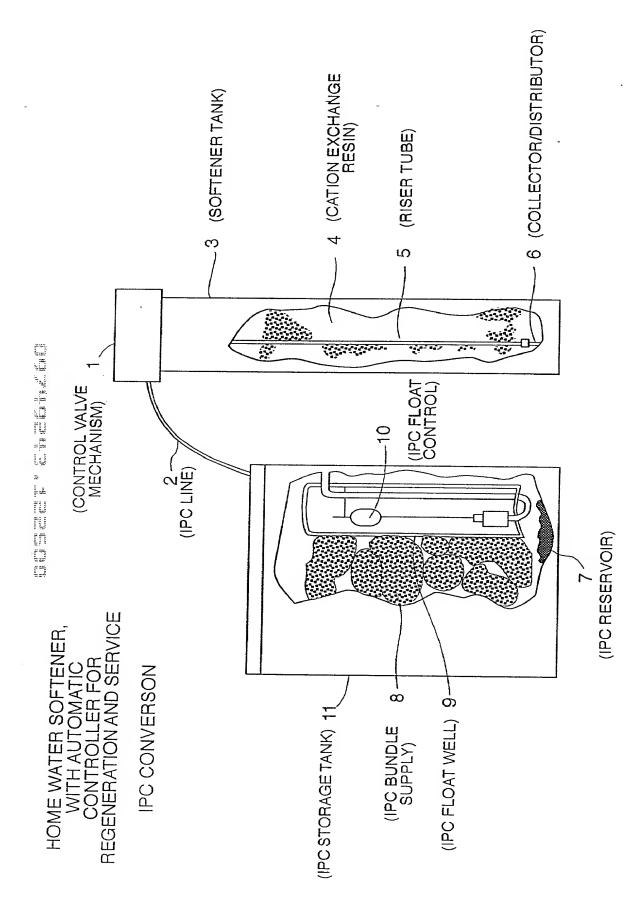


FIG. 14

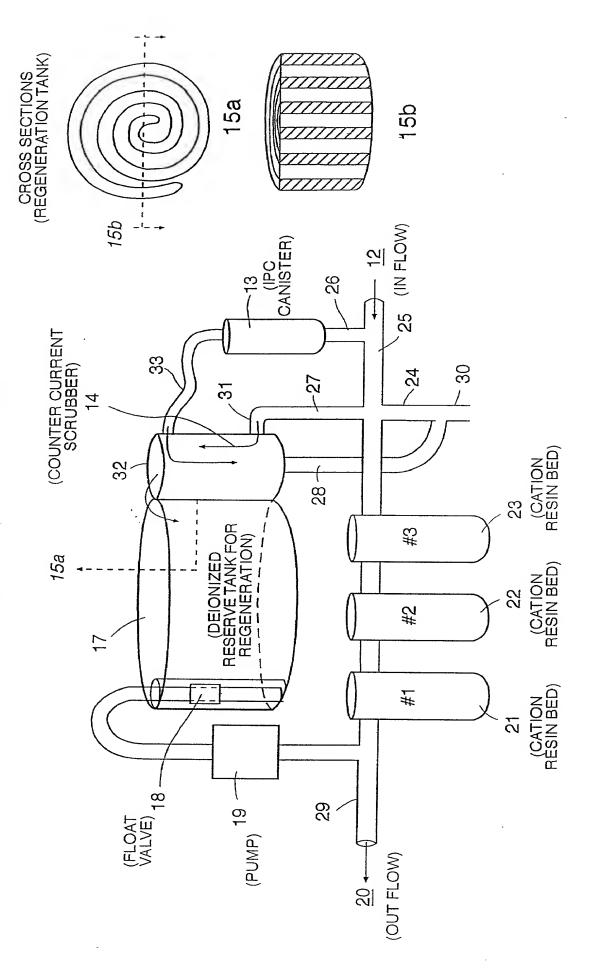


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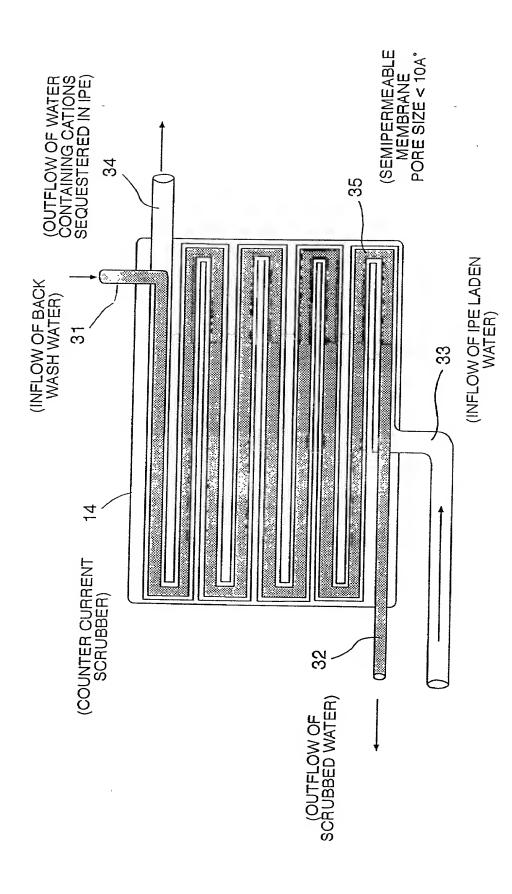


FIG. 16

FIG. 17

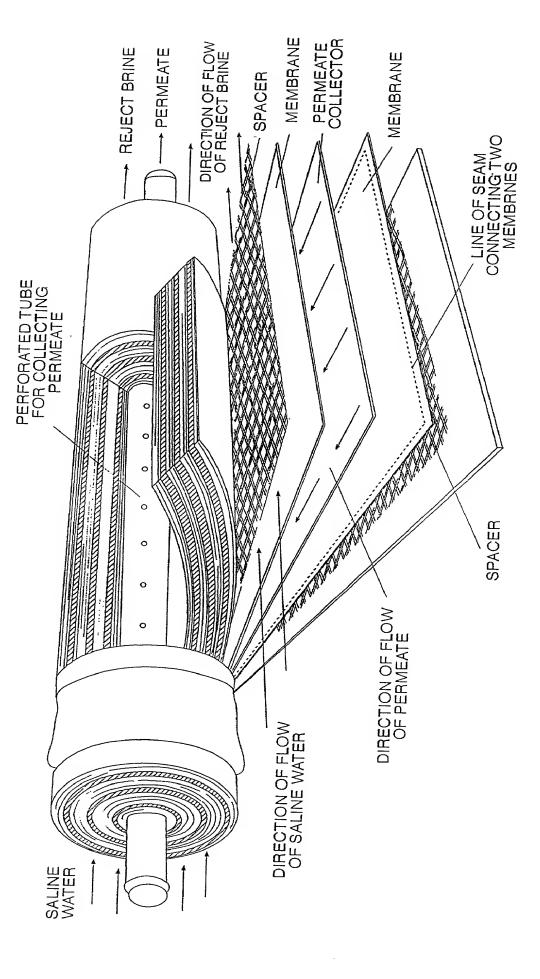


FIG. 18

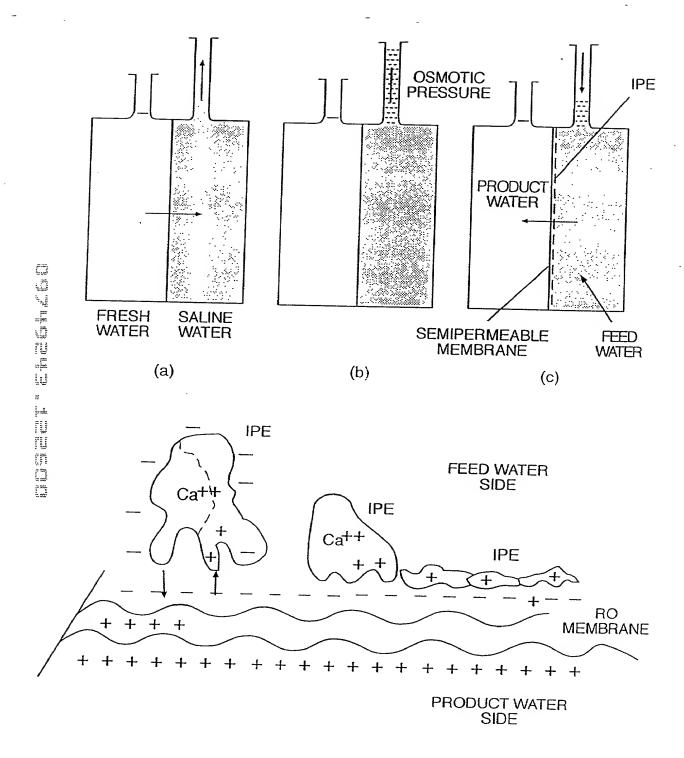


FIG. 19

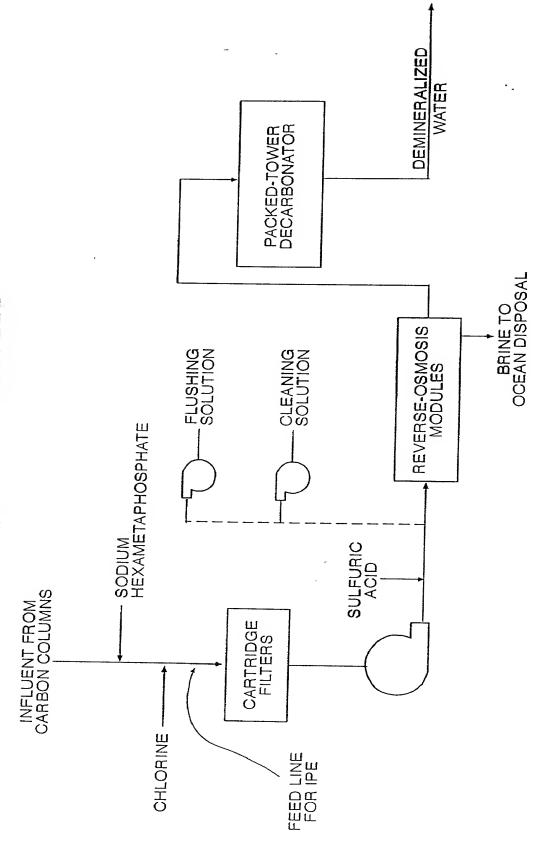


FIG. 20